

KILLED AND BURNED.

TERRIBLE FATE OF A MAN AND WIFE
NEAR NORTH PLATTE, NEB.

Butchered, Disemboweled and Fed to the
Fire—The House Then Destroyed.
Fatal Encounters—Criminals
Captured—Details.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 9.—This community was startled by the report that the house occupied by William Bascomb and wife, situated three miles northeast of town, on the north bank of the North Platte river, had been destroyed by fire, and Mr. Bascomb and wife burned to death. The sheriff, coroner and a number of citizens at once repaired to the scene of the calamity. Very soon rumors began to be current on the street that arson and murder, and not accident, was the cause. The public pulse throbs under the news, and should any definite clue to the perpetrator or perpetrators be found, the chances are that Judge Lynch will be invoked.

The coroner's jury has been in session for twenty-four hours, and though secrecy is maintained, many things relating to the deceased and his relations to his neighbors are becoming known. The day preceding the night of the fire Mr. Bascomb had received notification from Washington that a certain case before the United States land office had been decided in his favor. He did not seem elated by his success, as it seems he had been threatened that his life would be taken and house burned, which is now fulfilled. The persons who made these threats are now under strict surveillance, and it more than probable that arrests will be made.

These facts are known: Mr. Bascomb had not retired, and when found he had three shirts on his person, as well as pants and suspenders. Blood was found on the shirts, and doctors with whom we have conversed state emphatically that it was undoubtedly ante-mortem blood, and right here is where the mysterious part comes in. Of Mrs. Bascomb's body nothing was found but the two pelvic or hip bones, with two or three of the lower vertebra attached, and further, that the bones found were burned to a degree that does not seem possible in an ordinary house fire. One theory is that Bascomb was killed by a blow with some blunt instrument, perhaps a slingshot. There is no idea as to how Mrs. Bascomb was killed, but that when the deed was done an effort was made to dispose of the bodies; that Mrs. B. was cut up and an attempt made to burn the body, but that process was found to be too slow. Then the few bones left were put on the bed with the body of her husband and the house fired. It is believed that the whole terrible truth will be ferreted out. The honor and good name of the people of this county are at stake, and justice of the strictest kind will be meted out to the guilty.

The coroner's jury is still in secret session. Just how many and how important facts have been obtained could not be learned. Strong suspicions, with lack as yet of confirmatory facts, are entertained. A correspondent visited the scene, and noted with others some blood stains in the stable, on the manger and posts and walls. Sufficient blood was secured to determine positively whether human or otherwise. If found to be human blood it will be a link in the chain of circumstantial evidence that will be almost certain to bring within the clutches of the law the fiend who perpetrated the diabolical crime of murder, mutilation and burning of victims. The testimony in the possession of the jury will perhaps be made public in the next forty-eight hours.

Down an Embankment.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 9.—The north bound night express on the Alabama Great Southern railroad, met with a serious accident near Boligee, Ala. A broken rail threw two Mann Boudoir cars from the track. They were detached from the train and rolled partly down an embankment. Thirty passengers were aboard, and all were badly shaken, though but seven received painful injuries. None are fatally hurt. Mrs. Allen, from Kansas City, had her arm broken; Frank Johns, from Michigan, received severe contusions in the face. The other names could not be procured.

Chicago Elections.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Complete official returns from every precinct in the city gives Harrison (dem.) 317 over Smith (rep.); Devine (dem.), for city treasurer, 1,163 majority over ex-Congressman Finerty; Plautz (rep.), for city clerk, 671 over Neumeister (dem.); Washburne (rep.), city attorney, 1,845 over Eilert (dem.). At the last municipal city election the democrats elected the entire ticket by a majority ranging from 7,000 to 11,000. It is understood the election of Harrison will be contested.

A Blue Grass Bride.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 9.—Mrs. Sallie Ward Lawrence Hunt Armstrong, who has been known for forty years as the most beautiful woman in the south, has been married for the fourth time. The groom was Mr. G. F. Downs, a wealthy gentleman, about seventy years of age. The bride is fifty-eight years old.

"Bill Jones, the Avenger."

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Wm. Jones, more familiarly known as "Bill Jones, the avenger," who shot at Guiteau, has been sued for divorce by Catherine M. B. Jones, who brings suit and alleges habitual drunkenness and cruelty.

The Delayed Cunarder.

NEW YORK, April 9.—The two day's delay to the Cunard steamer, Umbria, which has arrived was caused by the slacking forward of the cross head of the engine and melting part of the cylinder by friction.

Nearing the End.

NEWARK, N. J., April 9.—Ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen's condition remains unchanged, except that he is growing weaker. He has a distaste for food and he is with difficulty induced to take nourishment.

Ex-President Arthur's Condition.

FR. MONROE, Va., April 9.—Chester A. Arthur's condition has considerably improved in the last forty-eight hours. He rests better at nights and expects to be out in a few days.

Needed at Home.

NEW YORK, April 9.—The national rifle association of London has notified our association that owing to the unsettled affairs at home and abroad it does not feel able to accept the challenge to an international contest at Crebmoor next fall.

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